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**REPLY**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, Applicants respectfully  
request that the referenced application be amended as shown below.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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37. (Amended) A graft system for repairing an abdominal aortic aneurysm comprising a  
tubular graft component having a first end portion, a second end portion and a middle portion  
extending therebetween, the middle portion including one or more independent support stents,  
wherein the cross-section areas of the first and second end portions is greater than the cross-  
section area of the middle portion.